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The quiz bizz

John Etler

The Bulldog Quiz Bowl team was in recent action at the Garrigan tournament. They had a tough field of competition and did very well. The tournament fielded 51 teams and made for a long day.

The first team from Algona was a senior team consisting of Michael McMahon, Maddie Gisch, Tommy Christian, and Connor McGuire. The other team was a junior team consisting of Sam Lipps, Derek Person, and Danny

Grein. The junior team ended up in 6th place and the senior team lost in the final match for a second place finish.

The winner of the tournament was a team from Boone. Michael McMahon said, "They had a kid on their team who was an absolute genius." The final match was a close one and finished with a difference of 20 points. After the tournament Samuel Lipps said, "It was a fun and enlightening experience."

Looking for a scare?

Taylor Prothman

With Halloween coming up this weekend, there are many haunted houses being set up.

The haunted house in Fort Dodge is by Cross Roads Mall, in the old fabric store. It is open all this week from 6 pm to 9 pm. Children under 12 are \$1 and anyone 12 and older is \$4.

Another haunted house is in Clear Lake. It is located just off I-35 at the D and D Ranch. The hike is

said to be one of the scariest hikes in Iowa. Children 12 and under are \$6 and 13 and older are \$8.

There is also a haunted house in Bancroft opening Friday the 29th through the 31st from 7-10 pm.

These are only a couple of the many haunted houses around Iowa this year. Don't miss out on all the Halloween scares.

Trick-or-Treating times:

Bode: 5-7 pm on Saturday the 30th

Burt: 5-7 pm on Saturday the 30th

Corwith: 5-7 pm on Saturday the 30th

Algona: 5-7 pm on Sunday the 31st

Livermore: 5-7 pm on Sunday the 31st

LuVerne: 5-7 pm on Sunday the 31st

West Bend: 5-7 pm on Sunday the 31st

Whittemore: 5-7 pm on Sunday the 31st



Above: Tommy Christian, Michael McMahon, Connor McGuire, and Maddie Gisch pose with their second place trophy from the Garrigan Quiz Bowl Tournament.



The Cross Country teams pushed themselves hard all year. Left: Ryan McMahon Right: Allana Lauck

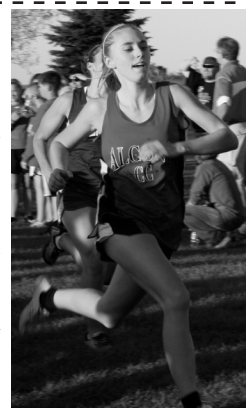


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Connick cares

John Krause

Brian Connick is a teacher at Algona High School. He has just won the 2010 Iowa Persevere America History Teacher of the Year award. He was honored at the Annual Iowa's Teachers of the Year Luncheon held on Friday, October 22nd. This award was founded by the Gilder-lehrman Institute out of Iowa City, along with the Iowa Department of Education. Former AHS teacher, Jerry Yocum, nominated Mr. Connick.

Connick was selected for this award based on the work he and his students have done with veterans' interviews, Camp Algona, and assisting with the book *Common Valor*.

This is not the first award Mr. Connick has received. He also won the Class of 1979 Teacher of the Year award, VFW educator award, and many more.

Currently, students in Mr. Connick's classes are

focusing on interviewing veterans of the Korean War in Kossuth County, as well as people who lived in the area during the same time period.

Mr. Connick grew up in Hampton, Nebraska. Hampton, Nebraska, is a town of about 250 people in central Nebraska. He went to college at Kearney State College in Nebraska. He then extended his education by getting his master's degree from Southwest Minnesota State. He first taught at Walthill, Nebraska. He then moved to Algona and has been teaching here for 17 years.

If he could do any other job, he would be an archeologist or a fishing guide. Connick is also a huge Yankees fan. When asked about the Rangers beating the Yankees, he said, "It's not a World Series without the Yankees."



Infinite Potential

Karl Nicolaus

The National FFA Convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 20-23. Eleven members of the Algona FFA chapter were in attendance during the 83rd annual convention. Megan Gerhardt, Ean Weber, Karl Nicolaus, AJ Wagner, Meridith Heinold, Nathan Skallerup, Brandi Goodman, Maddie Waldo, Abby Smith, Morgan Muller, and Vanessa Arndorfer left Algona High School after school Tuesday and traveled to Davenport, Iowa, for the night. While traveling to Indianapolis, they stopped in Moline, Illinois, to visit the John Deere Pavilion.

Upon arrival in Indianapolis, they attended the opening session of the FFA Convention where there were numerous speakers

motivating FFA members about their Infinite Potential. Infinite Potential is the 2010-2011 national theme for FFA. After the session, they went to the Lady Antebellum/Easton Corbin concert. The career show was open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; FFA members can walk through and look at colleges, careers, and win free stuff.

Megan Gerhardt had the honor of being part of the National FFA choir. She was one of 100 people selected from across the country to sing at the National Convention. The choir sang during each general session.

The session is held in the Conesco Field House, where 52,000 FFA members were present. "The choir was a blast!!!" Megan Gerhardt.

Individual dancers

Destiny Smith

On November 7th, six girls from Algona High School will be competing individually with their own dance routines at Central College in Pella.

This year is a record-breaker. Six is the most girls that have ever gone and competed at one time. The six competitors this year are Taylor Schealler, Taylor Setzer, Chyan Metzger, AnnaLise Manske, Jenna Thul, and Emily Grandgenett. Chyan Metzger is the only one who has competed individually before.

At the competition there are six classes. The girls of AHS compete in Class 3A. First in the competition they compete for division ratings. Only those who receive a Division I rating will be considered to place in the top 10 and receive a trophy.

Taylor Schealler, senior, says "We are really excited to be having six girls going to compete this year. We can't wait to rock it!"

The competition may be tough, but the girls know how to move. Be sure to wish them good luck!



Left: The six dancers going to individual competition pose for a picture. Jenna Thul, AnnaLise Manske, Taylor Schealler, Emily Grandgenett, Taylor Setzer, and Chyan Metzger.

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Last fight

Zach McKenna

The Algona Bulldogs' football team had their last fight in Humboldt on October 22. The Bulldogs and the Humboldt Wildcats both came into the game with a record of 1-7.

The Bulldogs started with the ball from the beginning and just couldn't accomplish too much out of their drives. At the half, the Bulldogs were down 28 to 0. They came out of the cannon in the 3rd quarter and scored 21 points, which put them one touchdown from tying the score. The Bulldogs came out the 4th quarter hot, like they did in

the 3rd. They scored right away. They tried to go for 2, which would have given them the lead, but the Bulldogs came up just a hair short. The score was 27 to 28. The Wildcats got the ball back and they scored off that drive but missed the extra point. The tough fight came to an end with a score of 34 to 27. Cane Arrowood says, "The second half is the best we have ever played in our 4 year career; our valiant efforts just weren't enough."

The Bulldogs finished the season with a record of 1 and 8. The potluck will be on November 16.

Right: Cane Arrowood tries to pick up some yards against Humboldt while Bryce Hickman blocks.



Off to State

Logan Thill

This coming weekend, on Saturday, October 30, 2010, is the State Cross Country meet. The girls' team will be participating at State. They came in second place last Thursday, October 20th, at Denison. Tangy Wiseman led AHS with a fourth place finish, followed by Allana Lauck in 5th, Megann Schmidt in 20th, Kyle Klepper in 22nd, Katie Connick in 28th, Anna Zeller in 29th, and Katie Green in 41st.

The boys' team came in at fifth place, four points off of third

place. Ryan McMahon got second place and will be competing individually at State Cross Country meet. Joey Schattschneider placed 13th, Johnny Aboud placed 23rd, John Krause placed 26th, Christian Parker placed 41st, Kory Keucker placed 47th, and Mason Altman placed 52nd.

The cross country teams have been very successful throughout the whole season. "Ryan will probably win State because he has me cheering for him," says John Krause.

Swimming to the end

Brandee Hockett

The Algona Girls' Swim Team headed to Spencer on Monday, October 11, for a shared meet with Storm Lake. They lost to Spencer 11-83 and beat Storm Lake 64-29. Algona was very close in a lot of races and took seconds. Against Storm Lake they started off great and won several races, unlike their last meet against them. They came back to beat Storm Lake from 13 points down in the second half.

"We reversed the score from last week. It was a good team effort and we had several season bests again tonight," said Coach Fisher.

There were a lot of 1st place finishes, including Amber Schacherer winning.

A quick win

D.J. Throckmorton

On Monday, October 25, 2010, the Algona Bulldogs' volleyball team faced the Spirit Lake Indians at Algona High School starting at 7:00 p.m. Mackenzie Siefken said, "It was the shortest game we've ever played."

Algona won three games to the Indians' 0. In game one, Algona won 25-15; game two the score was 25-10; and in game three, Algona won 25-15. Brittany Vaske led in kills with 15 followed by Allie Simpson with 7 then Rachel Teague with 6.

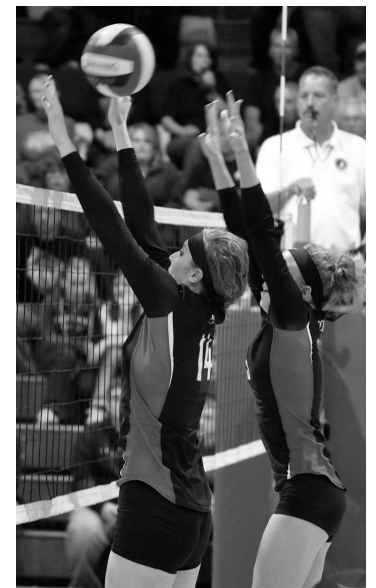
The next volleyball game will be on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at 7:00pm at Spencer against M.O.C. Floyd Valley. Admission to get in is \$5. AHS' current record is 27 wins 4 losses in the

the 200 IM, Mackenzie Wilson in the 100 fly, Hannah Priest in the 100 free, Nicole Kenne in the 500 free, Alyssa Williams in 100 backstroke, Missy Zadow in 100 breaststroke, and Jordan Allen in the 50 free. The 200 and 400 relays also took 1st place.

The second place finishers included Nicole Kenne in the 200 freestyle and the 200 medley, Emma Plathe in the 50 free, Jordan Allen in the 100 free, and Abby Strohman in the breaststroke.

Their next meet is the Regional swim meet this Saturday, October 30th, at 12:00. The team now stands at 5-5 in duels.

Conference. M.O.C. comes into the game with a record of 18 wins and 7 losses in the Conference.



Above: Brittany Vaske and Connor Barber go for a block against Spirit Lake.

Revolutionary reunion Haunted places in Fort Dodge

Chris Arend

During WWII there were piles upon piles of casualties. Bodies were burned and mutilated so horrendously that most were unidentifiable. Those bodies that were unidentifiable were just tossed into mass graves where bodies upon bodies were buried to have their final resting place. After they were buried, they remained undisturbed to protect their spirits. After the war, they were forgotten, and these graves were only mentioned of in text and old war stories.

On Friday, October 22, Japanese officials released that two mass graves that hold the remains of up to 2,000 Japanese soldiers have been discovered on the island of Iwo Jima. Iwo Jima is home to one of WWII's bloodiest and most iconic battle sites. During the battle in 1945, 28,391 soldiers lost their lives fighting for what

they truly believed in. The area where the two graves were discovered is listed in U.S. military text after the war as enemy cemeteries when the cost of war was too much to ship all the bodies of the casualties back to the main land of Japan.

Officials at the Japanese health ministry, which supervise the excavation efforts, have identified 51 bodies. They could not immediately identify the bodies and exactly how many bodies lie within the graves, but the discovery of these graves and many more like it is the biggest breakthrough toward discovering the bodies of about 12,000 Japanese infantrymen who, to this day, remain missing and presumed dead after the brutal battle in 1945. The recovery effort is said to take place until the end of summer in 2011.

Oldest holiday

Clarissa Laubenthal

Mexico, Spain, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Latin America have taken their own spin on Halloween. From honoring the dead to making fun of the dead, countries around the world have their own traditions on how they celebrate Halloween. Mexico, Spain, and Latin America celebrate El Dia De Los Muertos, or All Souls' Day. England celebrates Guy Fawkes Day. Ireland and the United States celebrate Halloween.

El Dia de Los Muertos, or All Souls' Day,

has been a tradition since the ancient Egyptians. Mexico, Spain, and Latin America honor their dead. They build altars or podiums to put candy, flowers, or other favored things for their lost loved ones. After that they clean the gravesite by pulling weeds and repainting the gravestone. On the last day they have a feast or picnic on the gravesite to bring back memories and celebrate the one they lost.

Guy Fawkes Day is how England celebrates their Halloween. It is November 2nd, and they make fun of

Dodge

Jackie Hutchison

Halloween is just around the corner. Some people looking for a good Halloween scare may need to look to Fort Dodge. There have been some spooky stories about some bridges in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

One story is of a woman who threw 3 of her 4 children off the bridge while a train was coming. The child that didn't get thrown over got away.

When you drive over that bridge at midnight, your car will shut off. It has also been said that you should lock your doors and roll up your windows or she will throw you over too. Her house, where she hanged herself, has been burnt down. That is also said to be haunted.

There is another bridge in Fort Dodge that's a few miles from the Terror Bridge called Bannwell Bridge. A woman and her kid are said to haunt that bridge. If you go around there at midnight and stop on the bridge and get out of your car and wait, a woman's face is supposed to come down the railroad tracks and follow you down the road till you're about a mile away. But if you stop on the railroad tracks and shut off your car, it is said that the kid will push you across.

From all the scary places highlighted in *The Voice* throughout October, you should be able to find a good scare nearby. Have a great Halloween!

Guy Fawkes. Fawkes tried to dethrone the king and, as an end result, the king ordered Fawkes to be burned alive. Today they have bonfires and kids dress as ghosts to remember the day he died.

The United States celebrates Halloween by dressing up in costumes and giving out candy. In the 1920s and 1930s, communities and small towns had parades and parties for entertainment. By the 1950s, the baby boom hit and more parties moved from town halls to the classrooms and/or the homes of the parents. Halloween pranks

and vandalism came with the holiday becoming almost canceled. Superstitions of the day are: black cats, broken mirrors, walking under ladders, spilling salt, and stepping on cracked sidewalks or roads. The cost of Halloween in the states is \$6.9 billion, which makes this holiday the second biggest commercial holiday.

Brandee Hockett says, "I'm excited for Halloween! My birthday is two days after." Matt Olson adds, "It's a great time for the young ones." Halloween can be one fun night of thrills and chills.

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Changing weather

Jacob Foust

This winter, The Farmers' Almanac is saying that it will be much colder than the years before. The coldest periods will be in mid-January and in mid-February. Also, there could be cold periods in December too. The Farmers' Almanac is suggesting that there will be the most snow in the last two weeks of January.

With the changing of weather comes winter sports. Wrestling and basketball seasons are about to start. Girls basketball starts on November 8th. On November 15th, the boys' basketball team and the wrestling teams' practices start.

Jackass 3D

Mackenzie Siefken

Another anticipated movie opened this past weekend. Making \$50 million dollars, the first film that people have been waiting for to come out in 3D is here. *Jackass 3D* stars Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Chris Pontius, Steve-O, Ryan Dunn, Jason Acuna, Preston Lacy, Dave England, and Ehren McGhehey. They make fools of themselves but entertain millions of people. The film, however, is rated R and is about 1 hour and 35 minutes long. This movie is the third *Jackass* movie to be produced.

People say that this new *Jackass* is more

Last year the boys' basketball team had a record of 16-7. The girls' basketball team went 25-1, making it to the State tournament.

Also with the weather changing comes new hunting seasons. Deer and pheasant season is coming up. Muzzleloader starts October 16-24 and late muzzleloader starts December 20-10. Deer season is December 4-8 and second season starts December 11-19. Pheasant hunting starts October 30th. Logan Thill says, "Hunting is fun!"

entertaining than the others. John Etler says, "It was the funniest movie I've ever seen."

There are no limits to the stunts the cast and crew do. Some of the most popular stunts that the crew did were the "Tee ball," "Poo cocktail supreme," "High five," and "The rocky." People love watching their shows/ movies simply because it is funny. Some people like the stunts and pranks the crew does and others don't. *Jackass 3D* was another huge hit and left people just as happy, if not happier than before.

The 'premier' pizza choice

Tyler Mawdsley

On East State Street, you can find some of the best food in town. Premier Pizza, owned by Theresa & Paul DeLange, provides a tasty blend of Italian & Mexican foods with their succulent entrees and main courses. From garlic cheese toast to enchiladas, you simply can't go wrong eating there.

Mexican dishes also include tostada bowls, taco salad, chimichangas, potato olés, and churros. On the Italian side, there is garlic toast, pizza sandwiches, mozzarella & bread sticks, and of course pizza!

The sides are generally \$2 - \$4, while the main courses are about \$5 - \$10 while the pizza cost varies by sizes. For \$1.20, you can also get one of the available Pepsi products. The service is always fast and friendly, a feat sometimes

tough for their competition to match.

Premier's interior is decked out with sombreros, bullfight posters, Mexican paintings, and vintage hot sauce bottles. The atmosphere is very reminiscent of *Cheers* because if you go there enough times, everybody will know your name. In fact, the service is so good; the customer will probably feel bad if they don't leave a good tip.

"Algona has been really good to us. I love working here and getting to know my customers. I miss them when I'm not working," says Theresa.

Premier is open from 8am - 2pm and 4pm - 9pm on weekdays. For excellent service and a delicious meal, head on down to Premier Pizza!

Bottle trash

Jeremy Black

Last year Mr. Young's class put green bins up for plastic bottles. They lasted just a year and now they are gone. They were set up for recycling bottles, like water bottles. Head custodian, Rick Adams, stated that trash was also being put into them.

The bins are currently in the backroom storage. They were taken from public places almost three weeks ago. They took them away because they were used for more than bottles. Rick says that it was a hassle

to try to do the right thing by recycling only to spend hours going through it all to get the trash out.

"I would like to get a group willing to focus not only plastics but the recycling in general. We need to fix it. I spent a lot of money getting all the bins but it turned into a hassle. I hope something can happen to fix it. Awareness is the most important, not only for students but also for the staff. As long as everyone cooperates, it'd work out just fine," states Rick Adams.

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Fall of the #1's

Cane Arrowwood

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, the BCS was in for change. Many top ranked games were to be played. The game with the most eyes on it was #1 Ohio State vs. #18 Wisconsin. Wisconsin's David Gilreath took the opening kick off 97 yards for the first score of the game. Following the return for a touchdown, Wisconsin scored 14 unanswered points, making it 21-0. Despite a late effort by the Buckeyes, Ohio State fell to #18 Wisconsin with a score of 31-18. John Clay of Wisconsin broke Ohio State's defensive streak of not allowing a 100 yard rusher. Clay rushed for 104 yards on 21 carries for 2 touchdowns.

Another top ten upset would come from the least likely game. #10 ranked South Carolina took on Kentucky. The game started off as most would think; South Carolina jumped to a 14-0 first quarter lead. In the second quarter, South Carolina put up another 14 points while Kentucky put up only 10. Going into the half it looked promising for South Carolina, leading 28-10. The second half would not be the outcome many would have thought. Kentucky would come out firing, scoring two more passing touchdowns. With 1:15 left in the game, Kentucky's Mike Hartline would hook up with Randall Cobb to score the go ahead touchdown. Kentucky won the upset game 31-28. Hartline led the team in passing with 349 yards and four touchdowns passes.

Possibly the game

of the year was played between #7 Auburn and #12 Arkansas in this SEC showdown. The game started off dry with a first quarter score of 7-7. The second quarter would start off more exciting. Auburn would get a quick field goal to take a 10-7 lead. Arkansas would come back with a one yard rushing touchdown. Auburn came back with two more rushing scores to put them up 24-14. With Arkansas' highly rated quarterback, Ryan Mallett, out with a concussion, they would rally around Tyler Wilson. Late in the second half, Wilson would hook up with wideout Greg Childs to make the score 27-21 going into half. Despite first half efforts, Auburn's high powered offense, headed by quarterback Camron Newton, would be too much for the Arkansas' defense. The game would end 65-43 in favor of Auburn. Camron Newton threw for 140 yards and one touchdown. He also ran for 188 yards and three touchdowns. In a losing effort, Arkansas' back-up quarterback, Tyler Wilson, may have played the best game of his life. Wilson threw for 332 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions. This game was the single highest scoring game in SEC history.

That following Monday, the new BCS polls came out and the new number one team would be Oklahoma. Auburn would then jump up to #4. With the new rankings out, Oklahoma would become a new favorite to

play in the BCS National Championship game. Oklahoma would have a tough challenge with the #11 team Missouri.

The first kick off of the game was taken back for a touchdown by Missouri's Gahn McGaffie. Oklahoma would come back with a

passing touchdown from Landry Jones to Kenny Stills, tying the game 7-7. Going into halftime, Missouri led 17-14. The second half belonged to Missouri out scoring Oklahoma 19 to 11. The game ended with a 36-27 win for Missouri.



Sunday afternoon Showdown

Matt Olson

The 1-3 Minnesota Vikings took on the 1-3 Dallas Cowboys on Sunday, October 13. This game was important for both teams because they didn't want a 1-4 start to their season. Also the Cowboys are America's team, so this was a big Sunday football game.

The first quarter started with a 15-yard throw from Tony Romo to Roy Williams, making the score 7-0. Then the Vikings returned with a 10 yard strike from Brett Favre to Greg Camarillo, making the score 7-7. The second quarter was all the Dallas Cowboys. They put another 7 points on the scoreboard with a 2-yard pass from Tony Romo to Roy Williams again, making it 14-7. When the third quarter came around, it was all Vikings' football.

The Vikings came out of halftime and were ready to play some football. Percy Harvin ran back a 95-yard kickoff return, making the score 14-14. The Vikings then got the ball back and Adrian Peterson scored on a 1-yard rush, making the score 21-14. When the fourth quarter came, Dallas knew they needed to do something to win this game. They came out and scored on a 31-yard pass from Tony Romo to Dez Bryant, tying the game 21-21. The Vikings knew they needed to capitalize to win the game. They got the ball and kicked a 38 yard field goal by Ryan Longwell, making the score 24-21. That was where the game ended with the Vikings taking the victory going to 2-3 and Cowboys going to 1-4.